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Dear Sir:

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Please find enclosed for the above-referenced application the following:

- 1) Response for the RCE filed on June 2, 2006; and
- 2) Return Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

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As a supplement to the RCE filed on June 2, 2006 in the above referenced case and in response to the Examiner's communication to Applicants response after final rejection, Applicants make the following comments which the Examiner is asked to consider:

Claims 1-8, 12 and 14-16 are pending.

The Specification was been objected to and had been amended in the Response after Final. In addition, Applicants had submitted various arguments as to objections for informalities. The Applicants ask the Examiner to confirm (or not) that the objections have been withdrawn.

The claims had been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph and Applicants had submitted arguments and amendments to the specification that Applicants believe overcame the rejections. Applicants ask the Examiner to confirm (or not) that the rejections have been withdrawn.

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